(*b*) Yes. steps are being taken to bring these lands under the plough by disposing them of under ordinary darkhast rules, Grow More Food Scheme and on Co-operative Farming basis.

Concessions in the form of remission of assessment, supply of seeds and manure at cost price, tractor service, subsidy for sinking irrigation wells, liberal grants of Takavi and Land Improvement Loans, etc., are being granted to the raiyats to encourage them to take up the lands and cultivate.

Supply of agricultural implements to the raiyats.

*Q.—133. Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of licensed iron dealers in the State;

(*b*) the quantity of agricultural implements received by each of them last year, *i.e.*, from 1st January 1949 up to 31st December 1949;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the extreme hardships endured by the agriculturists due to complete stoppage of supply of agricultural implements;

(*d*) why they did not commandeer the stocks available with the licensed dealers and supply the necessary implements to the raiyats;

(*e*) the steps they have taken to relieve the situation and to secure an adequate quantity of agricultural implements?

*A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) 78.

(*b*) The Government of India allot special steel quota for agricultural purposes. This agricultural quota is operated on by the Commissioner of Food Production and is not distributed through licensed dealers appointed for non-agricultural quota of iron and steel. The question as to the quantity of agricultural implements received by these dealers does not therefore arise.

(*c*) *Vide* answer to (*b*).

(*d*) In view of answer to (*b*) the question of commandeering the stocks does not arise.

(*e*) After prolonged correspondence with the Government of India, satisfactory arrangements have been made for the procurement and supply of iron and steel implements to the agriculturists.

Tractors, their cost and acres ploughed.

*Q.—134. Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total number of tractors in the State;

(*b*) the number that are in use;

(*c*) the total cost of all the tractors;

(*d*) the ploughing capacity of all the tractors per month;

(*e*) the total area ploughed from 1-1-1949 to 31-12-1949?

*A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) 149.

(*b*) 115.

(*c*) Rs. 17,17,500.

(*d*) 11,920 acres for all tractors at 80 acres per tractor per month.

(*e*) 29,809 acres.

Quota of agricultural implements fixed for the State.

*Q.—136. Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the quota of agricultural implements fixed for the State by the Union Government;

(*b*) the steps that have been taken to ensure adequate and timely supply of the requisite quantity of the same?

*A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) Quota fixed for the year 1949 ... 1,299 tons.
Quota fixed for the year 1950 ... 3,750 tons.

(*b*) Indents for large quantities were sent to the Government of India to ensure adequate supplies. As these indents have been curtailed to a great extent, it has not been possible to meet the entire requirements. The Central Government is being approached for enhanced quotas.

Arrangements have been and are being made for prompt and equitable distribution of the released quotas to all the taluks in the State.

Prevention of cutting of avenue trees.

**Q.*—137. Sri T. MADIAH GOWDA. (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the branches of roadside trees are cut and taken away ;

(*b*) the department which is entrusted with the protection of these trees ;

(*c*) the action that has been taken to prevent the cutting of these trees ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAIYA (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

(*a*) A few complaints have been received.

(*b*) The maintenance of the avenue trees on all the roads (except Bangalore-Mysore-Ootacamund Road, which is under the control of the Public Works Department) devolves on the Revenue Officers.

(*c*) Under Section 44 of the Land Revenue Code, the Revenue Officers have ample powers to deal with such unauthorised cutting of trees. Necessary instructions have been issued to the local officers to follow the rules strictly and take drastic action against the offenders.

Measures to push through the Grow More Food Scheme.

**Q.*—139. Sri T. MADIAH GOWDA (Bangalore District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken to push through the Grow More Food Scheme ;

(*b*) whether there is an Expert Committee to advise the Government in this matter ?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) The measures taken may broadly be classified under two heads (a) extension of cultivation and (b) intensive cultivation.

(A) EXTENSION OF CULTIVATION.

(1) *Grant of Lands.*—Lands under the control of Government, Amrit Mahal Kavals and Date Groves are being released te the raiyats for cultivation of food crops.

(2) *Tractor and Bulldozer service.*—Virgin lands granted to the raiyats are being ploughed by the use of tractors at concession rates.

(3) *Construction of Irrigation Wells.*—Government are giving subsidies to the raiyats for the construction of irrigation wells with a view to bring more lands under wet crops.

(4) *Distribution of electric pumps, Persian wheels and Diesel sets.*—With a view to help the raiyats to lift water from the irrigation wells, water lifts are given under hire purchase system and at low rate of interest.

(5) *Restoration of Minor Tanks, construction of big tanks and improvement of river channels.*—With a view to assure water-supply to the existing atchkat. schemes for restoration of minor tanks, etc., have been taken up.

(B) INTENSIVE CULTIVATION.

(6) *Seeds and manure distribution scheme.*—With a view to i crease the production per acre, distribution of improved varieties of seeds and manures has been taken up throughout the State.

(7) *Double cropping programme.*—With a view to take advantage of the water facilities available under the Visvesvaraya Canal channels and in other areas in the State where water is available in the summer season, an intensive drive has been carried out to raise a summer crop of paddy or irrigated ragi. Liberal concessions are granted to the raiyats by way of issue of seeds, and manures worth Rs. 15 per acre, which would be treated as free